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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber *Gail Farber*  
Director of Public Works

### **BOARD MOTION OF FEBRUARY 8, 2011, AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 PROPOSITION A TOP-OF-POT LOCAL RETURN TRANSIT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

On February 8, 2011, your Board approved a motion from Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Gloria Molina, as amended by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (copy attached), instructing the Director of Public Works and the Chief Executive Officer to evaluate all Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit funding allocations, consult with all five Board offices on the progress, and provide a report to your Board within 90 days with recommendations on alternative funding strategies.

Public Works and the Chief Executive Office met with all five Board offices on several occasions to receive input on the existing Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return funding allocations and to develop the attached report on alternative funding strategies.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Patrick V. DeChellis at (626) 458-4004.

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cc: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

## **REPORT OF FUNDING ALTERNATIVES**

### **Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit Funding Allocations Board Motion of February 8, 2011 (Agenda Item No. 4)**

On February 8, 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Gloria Molina, as amended by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, instructing the Director of the Department of Public Works (Public Works) and the Chief Executive Officer to:

- Evaluate all Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit funding allocations, including the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride and Shuttle Service, the Children's Court Shuttle Service, Metro Blue Line Liability Cost Sharing, the North County Augmentation, and the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre (Ford Amphitheatre) Shuttle Service.
- Consult with all five Board offices on the progress.
- Provide a report to the Board within 90 days with recommendations on alternative funding strategies, potentially including reduced subsidy levels and alternative allocation methodologies, to ensure that the shuttle services are being delivered in a manner that is responsive to the transportation priorities of County of Los Angeles (County) constituents in time for the 2012 shuttle service rollout.

As directed, staff from Public Works and the Chief Executive Office met with staff from all five Board offices to evaluate all Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit funding allocations. The following is recommended:

- Children's Court Shuttle Service: Terminate service – termination date to be recommended after meeting with the Chief Executive Office, Office of Workplace Programs, and the affected Departments.

This service was implemented in July 1992 to provide regional access for patrons of the new Children's Court from the California State Los Angeles Busway Station and subsequently the California State Los Angeles Metrolink Station. A survey conducted on March 8, 2011, revealed that 67 percent of shuttle riders used the service to access their work locations at the Children's Court, Sheriff's Department Headquarters, or Fire Department Headquarters and 7 percent used the service to access a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) bus stop while only 26 percent were public patrons of the Children's Court. This level of public patronage does not meet the intent of funding from the Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit Program.

Public Works is working with representatives of the Children's Court, Sheriff's Department Headquarters, Fire Department Headquarters, and the Chief Executive Office, Office of Workplace Programs, to identify transportation options to their facilities.

Termination of the existing Shuttle Service contract will require Board approval. This recommendation will be presented for Board action after meeting with the Chief Executive Office, Office of Workplace Programs, and the affected Departments.

- Continue financing of the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride and Shuttle Service and Ford Amphitheatre Shuttle Service for the 2011 summer season using the current formula for Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit funds.
- The Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Los Angeles County Arts Commission will conduct surveys during their 2011 summer seasons to identify users' residency for their respective Park-and-Ride and Shuttle Services. The Ford Amphitheatre surveys will be conducted for all performances during the 2011 summer season and the Hollywood Bowl surveys shall be conducted for strategically selected performances. The survey results will be tabulated by Public Works as input to the development of funding strategies for the 2012 and future summer seasons.
- The Chief Executive Office and Public Works will continue discussions with all Board offices to consider ways to reduce Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit fund subsidy levels for the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride and Shuttle Service and the Ford Amphitheatre Shuttle Service for the 2012 and future summer seasons and will report back by October 31, 2011, with recommendations.
- Metro Blue Line Liability Sharing: Continue financing with Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit funds due to its regional benefit of reducing the County of Los Angeles' (County) overall liability.
- North County Augmentation: Continue financing with Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit funds because Metro does not serve the North County.
- Transit Planning/Administration/Overhead: These nonproject-specific expenses (e.g., Public Works' Headquarters building rent, County Counsel services, grant management services, and regulation/legislation review and analysis) are distributed to the Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit Program in the same proportion as revenue is allocated and, therefore, will continue to be financed with Proposition A Top-of-Pot Local Return Transit funds.

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STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B  
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

9:30 AM

4. Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Molina: Direct the Director of Public Works and the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report to the Board within 90 days, with recommendations on alternative funding strategies, potentially including reduced subsidy levels and alternative allocation methodologies, to ensure that the shuttle services are being delivered in a manner that is responsive to the transportation priorities of our constituents in time for the 2012 shuttle service roll-out. (Continued from meeting of 2-1-11) (11-0594)

**Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a verbal amendment to Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Molina's joint motion to direct the Director of Public Works to evaluate all the "top of the pot" Prop A Local Transit funding allocations including the Hollywood Bowl Park and Ride Shuttle Service, the Children's Court Shuttle Service, the Metro Blue Line Liability Cost Sharing, the North County Augmentation, and the Ford Amphitheater Shuttle Service and report back to the Board in 90 days; and to consult with all five Board offices on the progress. Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Molina accepted Supervisor Yaroslavsky's amendment.**

**William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer, and Patrick DeChellis, Deputy Director of Public Works, responded to questions posed by the Board.**

**Arnold Sachs addressed the Board.**

**After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, and by common consent, there being no objection, Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Molina's motion was approved as amended to Direct the Director of Public Works and the Chief Executive Officer to:**

- 1. Evaluate all the "top of the pot" Prop A Local Transit funding allocations including the Hollywood Bowl Park and Ride Shuttle Service, the Children's Court Shuttle Service, the Metro Blue**

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**Line Liability Cost Sharing, the North County Augmentation,  
and the Ford Amphitheater Shuttle Service;**

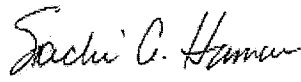
2. Consult with all five Board offices on the progress; and
3. Provide a report to the Board within 90 days, with recommendations on alternative funding strategies, potentially including reduced subsidy levels and alternative allocation methodologies, to ensure that the shuttle services are being delivered in a manner that is responsive to the transportation priorities of our constituents in time for the 2012 shuttle service roll-out.

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor Molina, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Supervisor Knabe and Supervisor Antonovich

**Attachments:** Motion by Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Molina  
Report  
Video  
Audio

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held February 8, 2011, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer  
Executive Officer-Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors

By 

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Sachi A. Hamai  
Executive Officer

AGN. NO.

**MOTION BY SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
GLORIA MOLINA**

**February 1, 2011**

**Prop A Local Transit Funding Allocations**

For many years, Los Angeles County (the County) has subsidized the cost of shuttle services to the Hollywood Bowl, John Anson Ford Amphitheater and the Children's Court using "top of the pot" Prop A Local Transit funds.

These are all important services. Subsidized bus and shuttle services provide an affordable transit option to the County's cultural venues where parking is significantly limited. The Children's Court shuttle service provides a critical public transit connection to the courthouse that would otherwise not be accessible without a vehicle.

While these are regional services, the distribution of utilization has varied in different areas of the County, especially as it relates to the Hollywood Bowl Park and Ride and Shuttle Program. Despite significant market research to identify new locations, as well as marketing to publicize and promote ridership in the areas with low utilization, over the years, ridership has not materialized in some Supervisorial districts.

Given the scarcity of public transportation dollars in an era of increasing demand, it is important that the Board of Supervisors review these allocations.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report to the Board of Supervisors within 90 days, with recommendations on alternative funding strategies, potentially including reduced subsidy levels and alternative allocation methodologies, to ensure that the services are being delivered in a manner that is responsive to the transportation priorities of our constituents in time for the 2012 shuttle service roll-out.

**MOTION**

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